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Announcement

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Examination for Membership of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine MFFLM

The Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of London (FFLM) is pleased to announce the first Examination for the Membership of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine (MFFLM). The Regulations and Information for Candidates (including the syllabus) are now available on the FFLM website (www.fflm.ac.uk). The first Part I will be held in London on Wednesday 14th October and Part II in April 2010. The Faculty was established in 2005 by the Royal College of Physicians of London with the following objectives:

To promote for the public benefit the advancement of education and knowledge in the field of forensic and legal medicine.

To develop and maintain for the public benefit the good practice of forensic and legal medicine by ensuring the highest professional standards of competence and ethical integrity.

The FFLM represents three distinct disciplines of doctors: medically qualified coroners, medico-legal advisors, and forensic practitioners (forensic physicians working in the custodial environment and/or sexual offence medicine, and forensic pathologists).

The FFLM has the power under the standing orders to set professional standards for admission to membership of the faculty and to conduct examinations and award certificates and diplomas. The examination has been established for the medico-legal advisors and forensic physicians.

The overall aim of the MFFLM examination is to demonstrate those physicians who, having undertaken a period of general training, have acquired the necessary professional knowledge skills and attitudes to enable them to practice as independent practitioners within the speciality of forensic and legal medicine. The Part I examination is a knowledge based test using multiple choice questioning to identify those physicians who have knowledge of the legal infrastructure that governs forensic and legal medicine (in the UK). The Part I examination will be common to all examinees and it is important that all candidates have a thorough understanding of medical law and ethics.

The Part II examination will test understanding of medico-legal principles and the ability to apply medico-legal theory to practical problems in the candidates' sub-speciality of either/and/or medico-legal advisor (MLA), general forensic medicine (GFM) and sexual offence medicine (SOM). The Part II examination will comprise a short answer paper and a clinical (OSCE for forensic physicians) or practical (OSPE for medico-legal advisors) examination.

Interested candidates are advised to check the website for updates over the coming months. More information is available from forensicmedicine@rcplondon.ac.uk.

April 2009 Dr. Margaret M Stark, (Academic Dean) Dr. Jeanne Herring, (Chief Examiner) Dr. Guy Norfolk, (President)